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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended in view of a Printer Query requiring the relationship of the PCT application and the 09 application in the status paragraph.
3. On page 1 of the specification, after "Related Applications", the status paragraph has been rewritten as:

--- This application is a 371 of PCT/US00/18935, filed July 7, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/350,768, filed July 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,255,336. —

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.